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SUBJ: U.S.NAVAL FACILITY IN BARBADOS

1. IN STATEMENT AT AIRPORT UPON RETURN FROM COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE JUNE 14, WHICH CARRIED ON TV NEXT DAY EXTAFFMIN HENRY FORDE DEALT IN PASSING WITH SUBJECT OF US NAVAL FACILITY IN BARBADOS. HE STATED FIRST OBSTACLE TO RENEWAL OF LEASE, IN WHICH USG HAD INDICATED INTEREST, HAD BEEN OVERCOME WITH AGREEMENT HE HAD OBTAINED WHILE IN LONDON THAT HMG WOULD SUBMIT TO PARLIAMENT ENABLING LEGISLATION TO EFFECT TRANSFER OF PROPERTY ON WHICH FACILITY LOCATED FROM BRITISH ADMIRALTY TO GOB. HE ALSO NOTED THAT "PREPARATORY -- NOT PRELIMINARY -- DISCUSSIONS" HAD BEEN HELD WITH USG REPS.

2. COMMENT: ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHN PHILIP HAS CONFIRMED TO ME THAT HMG HAS, IN FACT, AGREED TO TRANSFER. FORDE'S REMARKS ARE INTERESTING NOT ONLY FOR WHAT HE SAID BUT ALSO FOR WHAT HE DID NOT SAY. BY EMPHASIZING EXPLORATORY NATURE OF MAY TALKS HERE, HE DOWNPLAYED THEIR SIGNIFICANCE AND, IN EFFECT, LEFT WAY OPEN FOR A NEW START.
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AT SAME TIME, HE MADE NO MENTION OF GOB INTENTION OF SEEKING RETROACTIVE COMPENSATION AND TENOR OF REMARKS AS A WHOLE CLEARLY IMPLY GOB WILLINGNESS TO HAVE FACILITY CONTINUE IN OPERATION. END COMMENT.
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